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Attorney Docket No. P02701

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Title "TRENCHING TOOL SYSTEM"

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1. ☒ Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 35]
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- Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
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4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]

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1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 60, 394,704

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the utility patent application of Inventor: Bryan Smith, for: **"TRENCHING TOOL SYSTEM"**. This application claims priority to Applicant's Provisional application 60/394,704, filed July 08, 2002.

☒ Applicants claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27.
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Enclosed are an acknowledgment postcard and:

- (1) Specification (35 pages total)
(a) (23) Claims – 4 independent, 19 dependent
- (2) Three (3) Sheets of Drawings
- (3) Declaration and Power of Attorney

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.10 and 1.53, applicants respectfully requests that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of July 08, 2003, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

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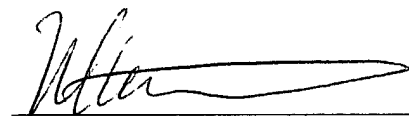
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